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Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

English Language Declaration

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

An Efficient Method for Copying and Creating Block-level Incremental Backups of Large Files and Sparse Files

the specification of which

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was filed on June 24, 2003 as United States Application No. or PCT International Application Number 10/602,159

and was amended on _____
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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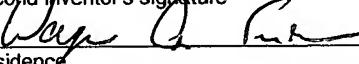
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